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SUBJECT: MORNING SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT REPORTS

1. SOVIETS SEE NEW US GLOBAL STRATEGY

DRAWING ON A PRAVDA COMMENTARY WHICH IT DESCRIBES AS THE "TOUGHEST ATTACK WE HAVE SEEN YET ON THE US ADMINISTRATION," AS WELL AS PRIVATE COMMENTS BY A PROMINENT SOVIET JOURNALIST, EMBASSY MOSCOW CONCLUDES THAT THE SOVIETS HAVE DEVELOPED A CONSISTENT MEDIA LINE ON THE US "PEACE THROUGH STRENGTH" STRATEGY. THE SOVIETS:

--SCOURGE THE ADMINISTRATION FOR ITS WEAPONS DEVELOPMENT PLANS, WHICH ARE "IN NO WAY CONSONANT" WITH IMPROVING SOVIET-AMERICAN RELATIONS AND WITH PREVIOUSLY ACHIEVED "UNDERSTANDINGS;" AND

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--INSIST THERE EXISTS A "GLOBAL IMPERIALIST PLAN" TO

DIVIDE THE ARABS AND TO PUT OFF THE DAY OF RECKONING
IN SOUTHERN AFRICA.

EMBASSY COMMENT: THE COINCIDENCE OF THE AFRICA-ARMS RACE
LINKAGE IN BOTH THE MEDIA AND PRIVATE CONVERSATIONS LEADS
US TO SUSPECT THAT THIS IS PART OF A CONSISTENT SOVIET LINE
THAT UNPLEASANT STATEMENTS AND MOVES BY THE ADMINISTRATION

NOW GO BEYOND ELECTORAL POLITICS AND FORM PART OF A COHE-
RENT GLOBAL STRATEGY. THE TURNAROUND IN DEFENSE SPENDING,
US ACTIVITIES IN THE MIDDLE EAST AND US AFRICAN POLICY ARE
SEEN BY THE SOVIETS AS CONSTITUENT PARTS OF THIS STRATEGY.
(CONFIDENTIAL) MOSCOW 14023, 9/6.)

2. BERLIN: PRAISE FOR QA ON ITS FIFTH ANNIVERSARY

THE FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE QUADRIPARTITE AGREEMENT SEP-
TEMBER 3 BROUGHT GENERALLY POSITIVE REACTIONS FROM VARIOUS
PARTIES:

--WEST BERLIN MAYOR SCHUETZ: WHILE THE EAST MAKES
REPEATED DIFFICULTIES FOR BERLIN'S LINKS WITH THE
FRG, VIOLATIONS SHOULD BE RESOLVED THROUGH THE QA'S
EXISTING MECHANISMS.

--BERLINER MORGENPOST (SPRINGER PRESS): THE IMPROVED
PRACTICAL SITUATION AND THE TRANSIT AGREEMENTS RESULT-
ING FROM THE QA WERE PURCHASED AT A TERRIBLY HIGH
POLITICAL PRICE: WRITING OFF BERLIN AS A GERMAN CAPI-
TAL.

--DIE ZEIT'S JOACHIM NAWROCKI: THE POSITIVE RESULTS
OUTWEIGH THE DIFFICULTIES.

--SOVIET AMBASSADOR TO THE GDR ABRASIMOV: THE QA IS A
CAREFUL BALANCING OF EAST-WEST INTERESTS WHICH HAS HAD
"DOUBTLESS POSITIVE" RESULTS, BUT THE WEST MUST NOT
INSIST ON A EXPANDED "FEDERAL PRESENCE" IN BERLIN.

--SED POLITBURO MEMBER AXEN: WHILE THE GDR CONTINUES
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TO SEEK GOOD RELATIONS WITH THE WEST AND THE FRG,
TRANSIT ROUTES ARE NOT AND NEVER WERE "CORRIDORS;"
THE FRG MUST PREVENT MISUSE OF THOSE ROUTES.

--PRAVDA: THE QA IS THE OPTIMALLY POSSIBLE BALANCE OF
INTERESTS. TO DISTURB ITS EQUILIBRIUM WOULD JEOPAR-
DIZE ITS IMPLEMENTATION. A CALM AND NORMAL LIFE FOR
WEST BERLIN IS QUITE ATTAINABLE IF ONE GIVES UP FRUIT-

LESS ATTEMPTS TO GAIN UNILATERAL ADVANTAGES.

US MISSION BERLIN COMMENT: WE FIND LITTLE SURPRISING IN THIS BASICALLY POSITIVE ASSESSMENT. BOTH EAST AND WEST WANT MORE, BUT NEITHER WANTS TO RETURN TO THE PRE-1971 SITUATION. (CONFIDENTIAL) US MISSION BERLIN 1848, 9/4.)

3. PORTUGAL AND ANGOLA: POSSIBLE RESUMPTION OF RELATIONS

PRIME MINISTER SOARES TOLD AMBASSADOR CARLUCCI ON SEPTEMBER 3 THAT IT WOULD BE VALUABLE TO EXCHANGE VIEWS WITH THE US ON STRATEGY TOWARD ANGOLA. SOARES' COMMENT FOLLOWED THE RETURN FROM ANGOLA OF A PORTUGUESE DELEGATION, WHICH REPORTED THAT:

--THE ANGOLANS PROPOSED IMMEDIATE REESTABLISHMENT OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS, MAKING THE POINT THAT PORTUGAL COULD HELP ESTABLISH FURTHER EUROPEAN LINKS FOR THEM.

--CONDITIONS HAD IMPROVED IN ANGOLA, WITH POPULAR CREDIT GOING TO US PETROLEUM SALES RATHER THAN TO SOVIET AID.

--THE ANGOLANS FELT THEY HAD BEEN PUSHED INTO THE SOVIETS' ARMS, BUT THEY NOW WANT TO DEVELOP A MORE INDEPENDENT POSITION.

ALTHOUGH ONE MEMBER OF THE DELEGATION TOLD EMBASSY LISBON HE EXPECTS RELATIONS TO BE ESTABLISHED THIS MONTH, THE EMBASSY BELIEVES SUCH OPTIMISM MUST BE TAKEN WITH A GRAIN OF SALT. BESET WITH ECONOMIC PROBLEMS, THE GOP NEEDS "SUCCESES" AND MAY THEREFORE HAVE OVERSTATED THE RESULTS OF THE VISIT. (CONFIDENTIAL) LISBON 6068 AND 6071, 9/4.)
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